

THE CITIZEN

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STRONGER GLO'STER WORTHY WINNERS AT CHELTENHAM

CHELTENHAM 6 Pts., GLOUCESTER 18 Pts.

Neither Gloucester nor Cheltenham played particularly good football at the Athletic Ground last night; but the game was less of a shambles than one has a right to expect from 'local derbys.'

Cheltenham opened the scoring when Dick Bassett, a lively performer, avoided the Gloucester defenders and crossed.

The first attractive try came after a long wait for open play and seemed to inspire both sides to open the game up a little.

KING TRY

Gloucester gained possession on their own line from a set scrum. The backs took it and finally fly-half Terry Hopson grub-kicked ahead enabling threequarter Jim King to drop on it.

Peter Ford squared the game for Gloucester after Bassett's try and Mick Booth made it a goal.

Then Cheltenham wing-forward Holmes scored and the game stood at six points to eight in favour of Gloucester when the half-time whistle blew.

SCRAPPY PASSES

The ten points which Gloucester added in the second half are a fair indication of the way the game went.

The Red and Whites were infinitely stronger in all departments and although there were too many scrappy passes and receives on both sides the game had an agreeably open appearance.

Brian Hudson scored for Gloucester and Bayliss added the finishing touches, with Booth adding the goal points.

Only one man left the field with concussion, David Brookes, of Cheltenham – a surprising situation considering the lusty spirit in which much of the game was conducted.

Verdict: Not what one would call elegant Rugby.

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